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EP 0 940 980 A2 & US 6,353,444 correspond to CN 1235298A
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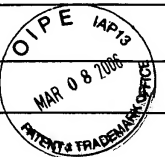
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